

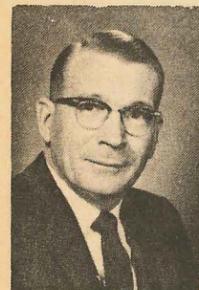


Common Convictions Bind Southern Baptists

An enigma for other church groups is the unity of Southern Baptists in spite of so much known diversity among us. No other non-authoritarian religious group has escaped disagreements resulting in splits and splinter groups.

American Baptists have experienced several costly divisions since 1845 when we divided into Northern and Southern Baptists. Both Conservative Baptists and the General Association of Regular Baptists were once mostly in the ranks of American Baptists.

The Missouri Synod Lutherans, an evangelical group often compared with Southern Baptists, have recently suffered a severe controversy and division. Race has divided one group of Presbyterians in recent years.



There is no one clear explanation for Southern Baptists' staying together. We are certainly not that much more spiritual than others. We are united around great objectives like evangelism and missions and are willing to work together in spite of some differences in nonessentials.

James Sullivan, a senior Baptist statesman of great insight, calls our bond a rope of sand. But it is more than that. It is a cord of common convictions and this is important to re-

member. While we take pride in our unity in diversity, we should never forget we have common convictions based on the revelation of God that are non-negotiable.

There are doctrinal emphases that vary from section to section of the convention but there are doctrinal essentials that are held universally by Southern Baptists.

In this day of putting everything up for reexamination we better never forget the basic convictions that bind us and without which dissolution would be certain. The irresponsible charges of those like some in the so-called Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship tend to make us

overreact and ignore dangerous deviations should they appear.

The following is not an exhaustive list of Southern Baptist distinctives but they are some of those beliefs on which there can be no compromise without disaster.

- The deity of Jesus Christ. The incarnation is the heart of the gospel. To make Jesus less than God is to make Christianity a hoax.

- Salvation by grace through faith both of which are gifts of God. Salvation by any means other than the free grace of God eliminates need for God.

- Inspiration of the scriptures. We may debate over theories of inspiration but to reduce the Bible to less than God's word is to lose its distinctiveness. Through the written word of God we meet the revealed word of God. We do not worship the Bible but the Christ of the Bible.

- Absolute autonomy of the local church. The first time any ecclesiastical body tries to exercise authority over an individual church, we are in for trouble. A Baptist church directs its own destiny using what it wants from the denomination and rejecting what it doesn't want.

- No efficacy in the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and baptism. They are meaningful symbols but they impart no saving grace.

- Baptism by immersion. Baptists differ on what makes baptism valid but any mode short of immersion is contrary to New Testament teaching and practice.

- A free church in a free state. We differ sometimes on what is a violation of the church-state separation principle but we are united in opposition to any control of the church or the state over each other.

These seven Baptist distinctives are not an infallible checklist with which to measure churches. But anytime a church gives up one or more of these, it is threatening the unity of Southern Baptists.

Southern Baptists do have some common beliefs as well as common objectives. Let us treasure them and preserve them.

Guest Editorial

The Baptist Right to Know

by Bob Terry, Editor
Word and Way [Missouri]

It seems like such a mole hill, one wonders about all the fuss recently created over whether or not salaries of denominational employes will be available to interested Southern Baptists. It looks like a mole hill until one realizes that the issue is not how much a person receives in compensation. The real issue is how much openness will be practiced by Southern Baptists.

In political life, the "Sunshine Law" gives every citizen the right to know what is being said and thought. It also

allows every citizen in the state to know what state officials receive in salary, even how much they spend in expenses.

Yet, in Southern Baptist life this same freedom is not always present. We know of instances where individual trustees of agencies or commissions have asked for the salary figures of agency or commission employes, only to be rebuffed. In one instance, the local trustees formed an executive committee of the board and decided not to release the figures. It is not uncommon for a committee

of trustees to know salary figures but most trustees or committee members are left to guess.

It is simply unacceptable when a trustee, charged by the convention with the direction of an institution or agency, can not know the financial affairs of the agency he or she serves. Direction of an agency is the responsibility of the entire trustee body, not an executive committee of that body.

It is equally unacceptable, to us, for information of this nature to be withheld from an interested Baptist who wants to know. After all, it is his or her tithes and offerings that make salaries possible. Certainly every Baptist has a right to know how money given through the offering plate is spent.

This plight is not simply an SBC plight. Unfortunately, in our own state there is indication of an agency being hesitant to openly share salaries and other financial affairs with all board members. This should not be. Hopefully the

situation will soon be corrected.

Presently, the salary of every Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Board employe is printed in the Book of Reports for the annual convention. As we understand it, this practice developed in an attempt to insure openness about financial affairs in convention life. But this general distribution of individual salaries has several administrative problems, some of which Executive Director Rheubin South recently outlined for the Administrative Committee of the Executive Board.

As stated above, the issue is not how much an individual is paid. The issue is the right of individual Baptists, if they desire, to know the financial workings of convention-related agencies and institutions. If some kind of middle ground can be found that protects this freedom and enhances administrative effectiveness at the same time, we believe it will best serve Baptist interests, be they Baptists of Missouri or Southern Baptists.

Baptist Forum

I would like to share my thoughts with you concerning your article "Divorce Among Baptist Ministers," also, the previous articles I have read in Western Recorder on divorce.

First, I want to commend Bob W. Brown from Lexington on his acknowledgment that man cannot know the mind of God and that he is incapable of judging.

Did not God provide a way out for the "unequally yoked together?" Divorce is like death. How tragic if one could not die, and how tragic if one could not get a divorce.

Let us not be so naive as to imply that those who stay together live in harmony and are in tune with the "cause of Christ." Far from it. Many times a divorced person has more to give to humanity than a married one because he is not stifled by a domineering mate. The spirit of God that was in him from the beginning remains in him. I challenge you to check the court records of the problem children and find that many of the parents are married. I assure you that the single parent that loved and cared for his child before the divorce will continue to do so after the divorce.

There are some who have personal convictions about the sanctity of the home and the male-female relationship and will not live in a lesser manner.

"Better to live in a corner of

a housetop than have a nagging wife and a brawling household."

I find most of the opinions concerning divorce are expressed by married people who have not been exposed to the forces of evil, ignorance or whatever led to the divorce. Let us face it. Those forces will always be with us.

I hate the word divorce, because I know its many definitions. But believe me, I shall not be convinced by anyone, regardless of how many schools of theology he has attended, that the omnipotent one who created the universe would become so small as to set aside one segment of society, and for the rest of their lives beat their already broken spirit.

Willa Dean Travis
Mayfield, Ky.

I believe readers of Western Recorder will be interested in reading a new book, Bokotola, about an exciting missionary project.

Millard Fuller was a self-made millionaire before he was 30. But he and his wife, Linda, gave it all away and dedicated themselves to the service of the Lord Jesus.

At first they joined with Clarence

Jordan at Koinonia Farm, between Americus and Plains, Ga. At Koinonia they helped develop low-cost housing for deprived people, who became owners of a decent new home by merely paying back the principal (at no profit and no interest)—and paying it over a period of years.

In Zaire, with a group of black Zaireans, skilled and unskilled, Fuller began the missionary project through the Lord's power and guidance; and, using the principles of self-help and cooperation, it has been very successful and has already inspired people to start a similar community in nearby Ntongo. So far 100 houses have been finished in the two communities.

Copies of Bokotola can be purchased for \$3.95 each (all profits from which go directly to the newly formed non-profit corporation "Habitat for Humanity," formed to raise funds, recruit and train volunteers and provide technical assistance for projects in the U.S. and overseas). Copies can be obtained from Koinonia Partners, Inc., Route 2, Americus, Ga. 31709.

Anyone (young, middle-aged, senior citizen) interested in using a portion of their lives to actively serve the Lord, I encourage to write to the Americus address, asking for more information about Habitat for Humanity.

Richard Byrd
St. Petersburg, Fl.

An Affectionate Portrait

The issue of Western Recorder you hold in your hands is one of love. It is dedicated to a man who brings constant joy, compassion and concern to those around him. It is a tribute to a man whose finger is squarely on the pulse of his denomination, perhaps more so than any other human being alive. It is an expression of thanks for his fairness and equality for all people. And it is an acknowledgement of gratitude from his staff for the privilege that is uniquely theirs in being constantly touched by his life.

June 30, 1977 Chauncey Rakestraw Daley Jr. completes 20 years of service as editor of Western Recorder.

In the pages which follow his staff has attempted to portray some of his accomplishments in these two decades, sharing briefly the esteem with which he is held by so many.

While this is by no means an exhaustive report, it is an affectionate portrait. Through daily example he teaches the meaning of God's love. If we can learn to share it, too, his influence will be multiplied.



Often viewed as a denominational statesman, C. R. Daley is frequently called upon by Southern Baptists for prominent posts. From 1974-76 he was chairman of the convention's Committee of Seven, studying SBC Executive Committee structure and relationships. Above, he reports the committee's findings to the convention meeting at Norfolk one year ago.

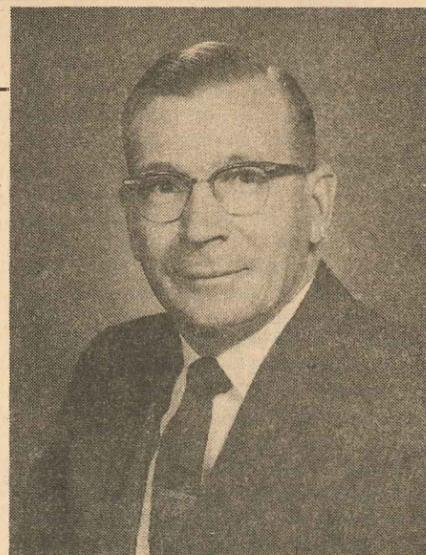
Putting It All Together

This special issue of Western Recorder was compiled with the assistance of student interns Phil Burgess, Debbie Harris and Nick Nixon. Grateful ac-

knowledgement is made to Gregory L. Hancock and Baptist Press for some photos and to editorial secretary Juanita Spicer for special research assistance.

Double Exposure

One thousand and three issues of Western Recorder back, there came a man on the scene whose pen was mightier than a sword. C. R. Daley has left his mark on Kentucky and Southern Baptists and all are richer for it. This week he completes his first 20 years as editor of this historic paper and the issue is a tribute to him, prepared totally without his knowledge. His friends have captured something of the man's personality in the pages which follow. Even at that, one must experience the joy of knowing him personally to fully realize the character of the individual alluded to on paper.



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First Editorial

Reflection of a New Editor

C. R. Daley's first editorial in Western Recorder, which appeared July 11, 1957, was appropriately titled "Reflection of a New Editor." While launching the editor's career, the editorial put some things into writing which are still very much a part of the man himself and influence his thinking and writing in contemporary times. That first editorial is reprinted here just as it appeared two decades ago.

Some have called it an honor; others say it's a promotion; a few regard it as the opposite; some even refer to it as a retirement but by far the most who have expressed themselves see in it a great opportunity for Kingdom service.

I haven't recovered sufficiently from the shock to know exactly how to consider the election as editor of the Western Recorder but this one thing I'm convinced of—whatever else it is, it is the inscrutable, inexplicable will of God which moves his creatures with or without the sanction of human reason. Without journalistic background or many of the other prerequisites as the world regards qualifications, and without a wildest dream of even being editor of a state Baptist paper, here I am. I confess I have no long range plans—not even any short range plans. I do have some ideas by now, some of which seem judicious and others which certainly would qualify as brainstormers. I know that at this point there are few things one could say as a new editor that he would not want to have to take back later, nevertheless, there are some convictions which I am reasonably certain I'll cling to from now to the end, be it soon or late.

The first is that my work shall be a ministry as much as was the classroom of Georgetown College or the pulpit of Harrodsburg Baptist Church. The same sense of divine guidance that took me to Georgetown and Harrodsburg has brought me here. When I left college teaching I felt nothing could ever give the same sense of fulfillment, and now I am just as certain that no place could ever give the same soul satisfaction as the personal pastoral ministry. I'm leaving what gives me all I could ever desire in happiness and a church which is a preacher's dream. Nothing less than a consciousness of God's command would budge me.

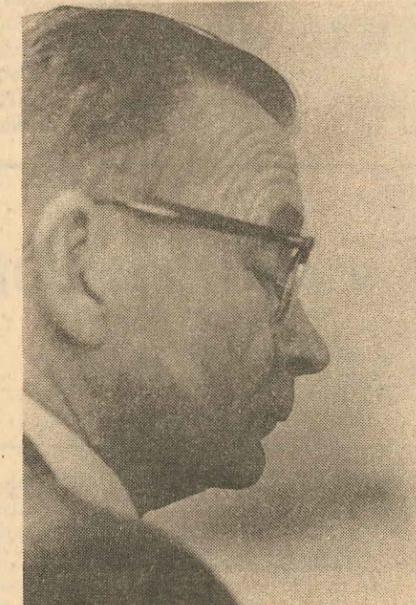
The next conviction is that with the responsibility of editorship of the Western Recorder comes as a heritage without parallel. The paper has occupied a place in religious journalism which is truly unique. Of its editors I have known only the present retiring servant of God. In my judgment Dr. Skinner's work has been forthright, fair,

progressive and exemplary in every way and I know it will be a matter of little feet to fit big shoes, but his own kind and encouraging words will be of inestimable value to me.

Another conviction of my soul is that no hour of history has been more critical for God's people called Baptists than this one. It ranks in my mind with the hour when Jesus commissioned the church with task or when Carey was ignited by God to set Baptists on missionary fire or when Judson and Rice saw right by New Testament light. The spiritual destiny of this world might well be determined by the response of Baptists to God in this generation. The place of this publication in that destiny is my soul's concern.

A belief of great comfort to me is that Baptist faith and convictions are found nowhere in finer or truer form than among Kentucky Baptists. With all the nobility of Baptists everywhere there is something about Kentucky Baptists that is distinct, different and grand, and my thirteen years among them have made me a great debtor. Dr. George Ragland used to say it exactly as I feel it. "For Baptist orthodoxy to die, Kentucky Baptists would have to die first." I say this with full realization that Baptists in every place have privilege to the same feeling.

As to my own expressions on this page or elsewhere in the Recorder, I can only promise that whatever is said will be honest, sincere and personal convictions. Truth in reporting and sincerity in interpretation of events will be my guiding principle whatever the costs. If I praise, it will be honest; if I criticize or question, it will be with good intentions. I will always be willing to speak the truth as I am given power to know it and trust my fate to God and to Kentucky Baptists. I beseech your prayers, brethren, and your mercy. My prayer today and every day ahead is and will be that of Solomon in his dream, . . . "I am but a little child. I know not how to go out or come in . . . Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . . for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"



Cover Story

The single most popular feature of Western Recorder has consistently been Daley Observations, our readers tell us. Those who follow it regularly know why. Here are some of the issues it has covered in 20 years.

The June 13, 1957 edition of Western Recorder announced that a new editor would soon be coming to the paper.

Almost a month later that new editor, C. R. Daley Jr., had his first editorial in print. In it he pledged that "truth in reporting and sincerity in interpretation of events will be my guiding principle, whatever the costs." With that Daley set out on a ministry of editorship that is still in effect 20 years later.

Within a month after taking office Daley's editorials announced that as-

Recorder?" and "What suggestions do you have for improvement of the Western Recorder?"

In the Aug. 15, 1957 issue the heading 'Daley Observations' first appeared over the editorial page and it has remained there through the ensuing 20 years. Daley's picture made its first appearance on the page Aug. 22, 1957.

Early in his career as editor Daley let his thoughts be known about the use of alcoholic beverages.

Aug. 29, 1957 he reminded his American audience they had more to fear from their indulgent use of alcohol than they did from radiation from atomic bombs. Two months later Daley openly commended the Kentucky State Fair Board and Governor Chandler for prohibiting sale of alcoholic beverages at the Kentucky State Fair. He also praised the residents of Warren County for voting down the legal sale of drink.

in a turmoil over the dismissal of 13 faculty members. Daley declared the situation was "far from hopeless" and commended Duke McCall and the Southern Baptist Convention investigating committee for their determination to keep the school accredited. He commended the remaining faculty for their Christian attitudes as they carried on the work of the seminary.

The Southern Baptist Convention visited Louisville in 1959 and Daley turned teacher and explained the workings of the convention to Kentucky Baptists. He pinpointed one controversy they could expect to hear discussed on the convention floor—whether a Stewardship Commission should be established to promote giving.

Always close to the church on the local level, Daley's articles down through the years have often called attention to the joys and sorrows of churches across the state. He was

Observations on Daley Observations

by Debbie Harris, Staff Writer

sociational meeting time had come once again and he proceeded to praise the district associational system practiced among Baptists. His July 25, 1957 editorial stated that "churches which resist this kind of co-operation are rejecting a part of the Baptist faith and practice validated by divine blessing throughout history. The job is too big and the time too short for a single church to try to get the good news to every creature. While every church should work as if it all depended upon one church, every church should co-operate with all other true churches as if it required every church."

Also in July 1957 Daley proved his interest in what the people of Kentucky thought of the paper and its ministry by including an opinion questionnaire in his editorial and encouraging the readers to fill it out and mail it in. The questions included, "What do you like most (and least) about the Western

During the next two decades editorials of Western Recorder would frequently zero in on alcohol and alcoholism and Daley's stance has not changed.

Late in 1957 the Russians astounded the world by launching a 185-pound satellite into orbit around the earth. Americans were still experimenting with a 20-pound satellite. Editor Daley stated Americans were about to realize they were too interested in comfort and luxury while Russians were most concerned about national interests. He called for Americans to realize the present world situation and remember that Israel was once a proud nation resting at ease and ignoring prophets' call to repentance.

Southern Seminary Crisis

January 1959 found editor Daley explaining Southern Seminary's problems to his readers. The seminary was

convinced that Kentucky Baptists "owned the paper and operated it as a Kingdom enterprise," so he used the paper to help them get to know themselves better. 'Daley Observations' have often brought Daley's report on happenings in congregations scattered across the state and across the nation.

At the end of 1959 Daley scolded Kentucky Baptists for their failure to contribute to the Cooperative Program. In that year 653 out of the 2,274 Baptist churches in the state did not contribute. The editor urged Kentucky Baptists to reconsider in 1960.

Early in 1960 Daley denounced a proposal that the city of Louisville purchase Churchill Downs and use its profits to finance the University of Louisville.

During 1960 Kentuckians deliberated over "Blue Laws" and Daley urged Kentucky Baptists to consider proper

observance of Sundays, reminding them that morality could not be legislated.

The editor has continually called for the increased involvement of lay persons in the church. He called upon Baptists to take their Baptist beliefs home from church and put them into practice in their everyday lives.

Federal Aid to Education

Also in 1960 many private institutions were beginning to ponder accepting federal funding. Daley warned Baptists and other private schools of the danger of taking government-loaned funds because it pointed to the breaking down of the separation of church and state and because of the high interest charges for such loans.

By mid-summer of 1960 Daley and his readers pondered the feasibility of having a Roman Catholic as President of a country built upon the foundations of separation of church and state.

Editorials from the 60's find Daley calling for increased efficiency in Sunday schools, stressing the validity of the democratic system of Southern Baptists and calling for fair and Christian treatment of blacks and other minorities.

In 1963 he encouraged his readers to use Christian discretion when choosing which political candidate to vote for. He noted, "God-fearing citizens will vote according to principle, not political expediency and for personalities rather than political parties."

Also in 1963 Daley challenged Baptist churches to practice "a ministry of redemptive love which includes not only a concern for an outreach for the unreached but for a continued ministry of redemption for the reached."

Daley termed the Supreme Court's 1963 ban of required Bible reading and prayer in public schools as "inevitable." He reminded his audience "it is alright for the state to be neutral in religion which is what the Supreme Court seems to be saying. If the state becomes anti-religious, this is another matter."

In November of that year the editor paid tribute to President Kennedy noting that Kennedy had kept his promise to uphold the United States Constitution even when it drew open criticism from Roman Catholic authorities.

Death Penalty

Early in 1966 Daley spoke to a subject on the minds of many across the country, the abolishment of the death penalty. He declared, "We are not living in an ideal world where such an ideal as abolishment of the death penalty will work . . . Capital punishment should be kept but it should not be used for revenge or even for punishment. Its justification is for a restraining effect upon those who would destroy their fellow man. It should have a very limited use. Only those whose guilt can be clearly established or those who have committed second offenses of the same crime should be



sentenced to death."

In the mid-to-late 60's Daley frequently campaigned for quality education and high standards in Kentucky Baptist-operated schools and warned against letting the schools become secular institutions because of financial and philosophical reasons.

The late 60's also found the editor continuing his call for equal rights. In April 1968 he wrote, "It's high time as Baptists we recovered our historic witness to the worth of every man and the equality of opportunity for all persons of all colors."

The first issues of Western Recorder in 1970 carried editorials questioning the constitutionality of parochial school aid, denouncing bills proposing the

legalization of bingo in the state of Kentucky and calling on Baptists to "learn how to work with other Christians to achieve common objectives."

At the close of 1970 Western Recorder readers found the editor seeking a bridging of the "confidence gaps" between pastors and church members and calling for relief of economic injustices that he termed "long overdue."

The nation's bicentennial year, 1976, was also the bicentennial for Baptist preaching in Kentucky. Editor Daley used his pages to educate Baptists in the state about their beginnings and the principles their forefathers had stood for.

A Ford in Our Past

Also in 1976 President Ford was invited to speak to the Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptists had mixed emotions about the matter. Daley's comments made his position clear.

"To have a United States President who is running for reelection appear on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention is very questionable. It is unfair to other presidential candidates. It is true Mr. Ford is the only candidate who is President but in his public appearances recently he has sounded more like a candidate than the President."

Never afraid to speak his mind on controversial issues, Daley, during the summer of 1976, wrote to his readers about speaking in tongues. He reminded his audience that gifts of the spirit were to be used to glorify Jesus Christ and edify the church.

This week marks C. R. Daley Jr.'s 20th year as editor of this paper. Twenty years worth of editorials means much careful studying and thinking through of issues has taken place. And still the carefully thought out editorials continue to appear, issue after issue, week after week.

One wonders what the editorial "piece de resistance" will be for 1977. It could pertain to the ordination of women or some controversial issue yet to develop within the closing months of the year. One thing is certain: whatever the issue is C. R. Daley Jr. will have some astute, provocative observations about it to offer his public.

And That's the Way it Was ... Twenty Years Ago

by Jim Cox, Associate Editor

In the Jan. 17, 1957 issue of Western Recorder R. T. Skinner, then in his 11th year as editor, announced on the editorial page his intention to retire "within the current denominational year"

"We have delayed making this announcement to the general public, . . . until the Board of Managers could start plans for seeking a successor," he admonished.

Thus, the wheels began to turn toward finding a man who would become the 30th editor of Southern Baptists' second oldest state denominational journal.

Was it not by divine providence that the board was led to the midstate community of Harrodsburg to consider the pastor of that city's First Baptist Church? C. R. Daley already possessed many attributes in those days which had distinguished him among his peers.

A prolific writer even then, his weekly messages to his flock through the church newsletter were being noticed for their timeliness and insight by many across the state.

Although an adopted Kentuckian, his background had prepared him to know the state and its people well.

He served a prestigious pastorate. For five years before that he trained Baptist young people in the classrooms of Georgetown College.

He received his own theological preparation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. While a student there he was introduced to Kentucky Baptists through pastorates at Woodborn, 1944-46, and Providence Church, Franklin, 1946-49.

He served several interims during his tenure at Georgetown, and was constantly available for supply work.

A native of Screven County, Georgia, Daley graduated from Brewton-Parker Junior College and Mercer University, Baptist institutions in his home state, before entering Southern. He married Christine Rachels of Warthan, Ga., in 1941 and they have four sons, Gil,

Mike, Dale and Phillip.

At the time of Daley's election as Western Recorder editor, announced in the June 13, 1957 edition, he was obviously no stranger to Baptists of the Bluegrass state.

Daley resigned his church at Harrodsburg Sunday, May 26, effective July 1, to become the new editor. Skinner, his predecessor, remained with the paper as a contributing editor until September when he officially retired to Florida.

Ironically, it was just at the outset of Daley's tenure with Western Recorder that the paper was to miss printing two consecutive issues. The paper was being moved from its old downtown offices in Louisville at 127 E. Broadway to the spacious new Baptist Building in Middletown at precisely that time.

Therefore, there were no editions the weeks of June 27 and July 4 that year. In fact, the very day C. R. Daley became employed there (July 1, 1957) dedication services for the new Baptist Building were held.



Henry Johns, pastor at Versailles, Ky., has the editor's ear at the 1973 SBC meeting in Portland, Ore.

Daley's first editorial, "Reflection of a New Editor," is reprinted elsewhere in this issue. Since that time, by actual count, he has written 1,950 published editorials across these 20 years. In addition, he has relinquished space for 164 guest editorials.

The issue you are reading is his 1,003rd as editor.

His first issue, July 11, 1957 carried on the cover a photo of new officers of the Southern Baptist Convention recently elected in Chicago: Brooks Hays, president; W. Douglass Hudgins and Noel M. Taylor, vice presidents.

The paper's masthead, then requiring one-third of the front cover, was printed like a slug of type. The slogan "Kentucky's Largest Denominational Paper" ran across the front.

Chauncey R. Daley was listed as editor, R. T. Skinner was contributing editor and Robert L. Pogue was business manager. The board of directors at that time included George H. Riggs, chairman; Wendell H. Rone, assistant chairman; J. T. Burdine Jr., secretary; J. V. Case, E. N. Perry, Franklin Owen, Elroy Lamb, Joseph R. Estes and J. Herbert Gilmore.

In addition to Daley's first editorial the July 11 issue included about six pages of receipts for the first six months of the associational year 1956-57. Another seven of the total 16 pages were devoted to advertising. (You've come a long way, baby!)

He began calling the editorial page "Daley Observations" in his fifth issue (Aug. 8). The name stuck.

Twenty years have now come and gone. To many who were on the scene then, it does not seem possible that two decades have elapsed. What is abundantly clear to all, however, is that God raised a spiritual giant to help him in Kentucky for just such an hour as this.

Often quoted and frequently labeled one of our denomination's best editorial writers, C. R. Daley is also a dean among the 33 Southern Baptist state editors. The hope of his readers is that he will be extended many more years to apply his sense of wisdom and fairness to all men through the medium of the printed page.

And that's the way it was . . . 20 years ago.

Accolades from Daley's Staff — Yesterday and Today

Yesterday

The information has come to me that Western Recorder is celebrating your 20th anniversary as its editor.

Twenty years is a long, long time when looking forward to it ahead of time; but looking backward to the beginning and ultimate arrival of that event is a short, short time.

I greatly enjoyed my years of work for Western Recorder and Kentucky Baptists. I served under four editors — Victor I. Masters, John D. Freeman, R. T. Skinner and yourself.

How well I recall your big bass voice, booming out some new chuckle! Your sparkling wit and your subtle humor! Painted on the canvas of my memory are your colorful descriptions of the opening of the spring season and the coming of the autumn variations and the summer scenes.

More than I can ever describe in words how I have appreciated the fine friendship which has existed between us. Your many kindnesses shown me through the years mark you as one of the finest Christians I

have ever known. May God bless you always, and keep you in the hallow of his hand!

Likewise, I want to remember at this time the many kindnesses shown me by your wife, Mrs. Christine Daley, and the four boys who make up your fine family.

George Raleigh Jewell
Retired Editorial Associate



Jewell



Whitler

Today

It is hard to think of C. R. Daley as my boss but that he is. We have been friends for many years. We have been fishing buddies for just as long. He is

the same at the office as he is on the lake. He is a man that I have come to respect very highly. I have every confidence in him. I would trust him with my life and that of my family.

In the past years I have observed him at work in many trying conditions. He has always proven to be Christian in every way. Even those who have been on the opposite side of an issue still respect him.

Daley is a man that can be very firm and at the same moment very kind. These attributes only come through trial and testing. They cannot be learned from a book.

His patience and long suffering constantly amaze me. No one can know until he sits behind the editor's desk of the pressure that comes in this ministry. It can be a very lonely job.

The Lord has placed him in this role as editor of our state paper. Kentucky Baptists are fortunate to have a man of C. R. Daley's caliber in such a place of leadership.

Paul Whitley
Business/Circulation Manager

Daley Era Reflects Expansion, Growth in Personnel, Printing

by Phil Burgess, Staff Writer

The Daley years at Western Recorder have been marked with expansion and growth of significant proportions.

When Daley became editor in 1957 there was only one other full time professional position, that of business manager, then held by Robert Pogue (1944-66). Other business managers serving under Daley have been George A. Price, 1966-72, and Paul Whitley Jr., 1972-present.

George Raleigh Jewell, who joined Western Recorder's staff in 1926, was serving in the position of editorial associate when Daley came. Daley realized the potential in Jewell's vast storehouse of knowledge and relied heavily upon him for editorial assistance until his retirement in 1964.

By 1963 Daley had come to realize

the imperative need of a trained journalist for a second professional editorial position. R. G. Puckett was elected the paper's first full time assistant editor, serving until he was elected editor of The Maryland Baptist in 1966.

George W. Knight succeeded Puckett, serving 1966-68. He then joined the Baptist Sunday School Board's staff in Nashville and is currently editor of Home Life, published by the Family Ministry Department.

Bob Terry followed him, 1968-75. While at Western Recorder his job was reclassified and upgraded to that of associate editor. Terry is now editor of Word and Way, official journal of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

The present associate editor, James H. Cox, has served two years. Earlier

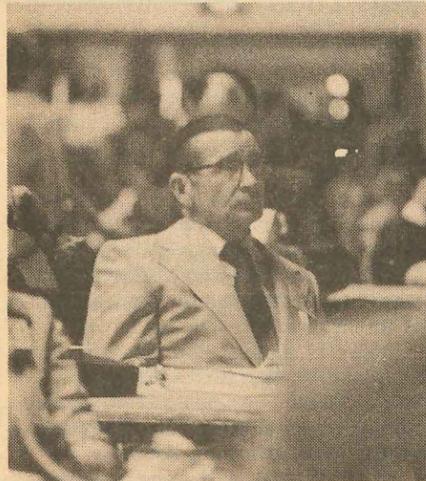
he was director of public relations and alumni affairs at Belmont College, Nashville, and communications specialist at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

During Daley's tenure a journalism internship in cooperation with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been developed. The program provides a practical laboratory experience for students who intend to go into religious journalism careers. Eight students have already benefited from the program.

Daley's leadership brought results in other areas. Significant purchases were made for Western Recorder's print shop. In 1974 a computer and Davidson 700 press were added. A Goss community press and Heidelberg press were purchased the following year.

In May of this year the closing of Western Recorder's printing operations was announced, effective Sept. 1. This will focus the ministry of the paper on a publishing philosophy as opposed to one centered on printing.

Cover Story



A thoughtful editor listens intently during the sessions of the 1972 Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.



The editor and his paper, not long after Daley assumed the job in the summer of 1957.



Editor Daley and the 1970 board of directors of Western Recorder pause during a business session to have their picture made.



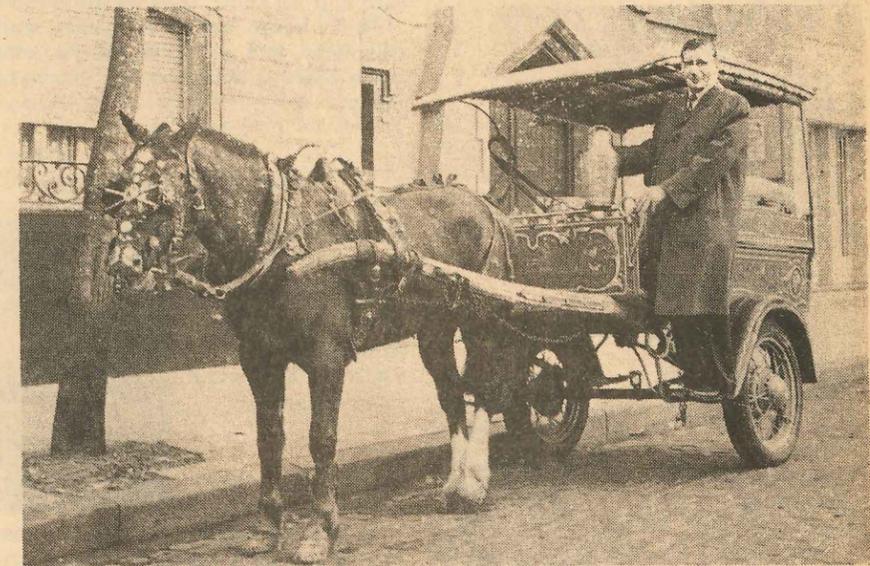
Daley visits with two editors, James Cole [left] of The Baptist Message of Louisiana and Don McGregor of The Baptist Record, Mississippi's paper.



Being the editor of a state Baptist paper requires a lot of travel and you have to rest whenever the opportunity arises.



Daley visits with W. R. Davenport, [above], president of Campbellsville College. Busy Baptist editors do make some time to pose for pictures, especially in interesting foreign countries [above right]. C. R. Daley enjoys the outdoors and the picture below tells of his skills as a fisherman.



Tributes from Daley's Friends

C. Carman Sharp

Pastor, Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville; Chairman, Western Recorder Board of Directors.



A hearty congratulations on your 20th anniversary as editor of Western Recorder. Two decades seem like a very long time in some situations, but your ministry with Kentucky Baptists has been such an effective and challenging one that the years seem much fewer than they have actually been.

Your friends in this state and over the Southern Baptist Convention are many. We see in you many qualities that we admire. We find in you something real that we can relate to. You have blessed us and we thank you.

A number of qualities come to mind when I think of you. There is a boldness, a kind of willingness to "tell it like it is," which I find most encouraging. This kind of sincerity comes through in a quiet kind of way that leads us to have a lot of confidence in you.

You have demonstrated an openness in your personal life and ministry, an honesty that has been most refreshing. When you write or speak, I never feel that you have a hidden agenda. You do not have to declare certain ideas or statements "inoperative" at some later date.

There is a warmth in you personally that comes through in your communi-

cations—either written or oral. You care and we know, thus we are blessed.

Just keep up the good work, Chauncey, and may God give you many more years in a service that blesses so many.

James L. Sullivan

Retired President, Baptist Sunday School Board; Immediate Past President, Southern Baptist Convention.



It seems impossible that 20 years have gotten by since you became editor of Western Recorder, but the calendar does not lie and the years have hastily flown by.

You have done an excellent job. We not only congratulate you, but we thank you. With an insightful mind and facile pen, balanced by a Christian spirit, you have been able to be factual without being caustic. And you have been objective without being detached. Such abilities have made you most useful in Southern Baptist life because you have helped us to many right decisions because you have helped make us think.

May God continue to bless and use you in a most remarkable way.

Franklin Owen

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Kentucky Baptist Convention.



It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since I, as a member of the board of managers, had the privilege to participate in your selection as editor of

our Western Recorder. Let me simply say that time has confirmed our judgment well.

I know that the current days of change in the pattern of operation for Western Recorder are not easy for you and have been mindful of you and prayerful about this, remaining confident that all of the necessary adjustments will be well made and assimilated.

We appreciate your leadership and talents with Western Recorder. My father reads it ardently and mentions it frequently in his correspondence. I recently sent you a copy of a letter I received from missionary Roy Brent in Kenya, who has so appreciated receiving the Western Recorder. Other similar expressions are to be seen and heard in which we join.

We appreciate your friendship and counsel as a colleague. God bless your continued good service.

Jack U. Harwell

Editor, *The Christian Index* [Georgia]; President, Southern Baptist Press Association.



Baptists across the land, especially here in Georgia, are deeply proud of Chauncey R. Daley. You have served the cause of Christ, and the causes of Baptists in a marvelous way for 20 productive years as editor of Western Recorder.

Baptists in your native state of Georgia are happy to call you our native son. You have honored your state, your university, your friends and your Saviour in the courageous way you have served as editor, denominational statesman and friend.

As a young editor, I have long admired your standards of editorial courage, journalistic integrity and denominational loyalty. Many editors regard you as one of the finest editorial writers in the trade.

As president of the Southern Baptist

Press Association I speak for 33 fellow editors in extending to you our sincerest congratulations and gratitude on your 20th anniversary at Western Recorder.

We hope you will have many more years to edit, to chastise, to admonish, to inspire, to encourage and to play Rook.

Porter Routh

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.



Twenty years is a good number for an editor and with John Hurt retiring, I think this puts you pretty close to the top as far as service is concerned.

One of the things that I have appreciated about you has been your openness and your balanced presentation through the pages of Western Recorder.

Let me congratulate you and Western Recorder on this effective service in the life of our denomination. May God's richest blessings be with you and Mrs. Daley in the years ahead.

R. G. Puckett

Editor, *The Maryland Baptist*; Former Associate Editor, *Western Recorder*



I am delighted to be among those who rise up and call you blessed on this 20th anniversary as editor of the Kentucky Western Recorder. There are thousands of us who have benefited from your incisive and courageous editorial ministry during these two

decades. It is most fitting that we pause at this moment to voice our appreciation.

Naturally, my appreciation for you has many dimensions. You were my college professor, my editor when I was associate at Western Recorder and my dear friend and fellow editor for nearly 20 years.

There are no words available to adequately express my deep personal appreciation and respect for you. You have been a friend, a brother and at times like a father. In all of those instances I have had unwavering confidence in your sense of rightness and fairness. Never at any time have I ever felt you did not act within the Christian ethic you so strongly defend and never did I question that you did not put my best interest forward.

You are now the dean of the editors. With the retirement of John Hurt in Texas the mantle rightly falls to you. Be assured that we will read you eagerly, pray for you frequently and support you vigorously in your continued editorial ministry for all Southern Baptists and Christians in general.

George W. Knight

Editor, *Home Life, Baptist Sunday School Board*; Former Associate Editor, *Western Recorder*.



Your capable associate tells me that you are about to celebrate your 20th anniversary as editor of Western Recorder.

Congratulations! I think anybody who survives 20 years as editor of any one of our Baptist state papers ought to be given more than a pat on the back, and surviving 20 years in your position among the Baptists of Kentucky ought to earn you at least four or five marks in the Lamb's Book of Life!

I appreciate the contribution which you made to my life during the two years while I was serving as assistant editor of Western Recorder. My wife, Dorothy, joins with me in thanking you and Mrs. Daley for the many kind-

nesses which you extended to us during those years.

Bob S. Terry

Editor, *Word and Way* [Missouri]; Former Associate Editor, *Western Recorder*.



Congratulations on your 20th anniversary as editor of Western Recorder. I am sure few people realized the impact you would have on Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists that morning in Harrodsburg when you finally decided to go where you had the potential for helping the greatest number of people.

As one who not only was helped by you but one who continues to be helped, let me express appreciation for your concern, insight, time, ability, forthrightness and your willingness to invest yourself in my life. Your guidance was the single most important factor in my growth as your associate.

Because I have shared some of your triumphs and tears, I believe I know your genuine love for Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists. You have demonstrated your desire for open communications among Baptists and your love for Baptists from every walk of life. You have strengthened thousands by opening up God's Word with insight and articulation. You have challenged Baptists with your editorial leadership which won respect even among those who differed with your conclusions. Yet, you always shared your humanity—a beautifully formed rose, a fishing trip, a sunset, a father's hopes for his son. All of these let us know that in C. R. Daley we find an understanding heart as well as an analytical mind.

I am thankful to call you my mentor, my friend and my fellow Baptist. I wish for you health in the body, fellowship with the brethren, peace with God and joy in the Spirit of our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Hazel Church Suffers \$200,000 Loss in Fire

Fire destroyed the sanctuary and an educational annex of the Hazel Baptist Church recently. The fire did more than \$200,000 in damage with only a portion of this loss covered by insurance. Origin of the blaze has not been determined.

Services are currently being held in a two-story educational annex that was only slightly damaged by the fire. The church hopes to begin rebuilding in the near future. James T. Garland is the pastor.

Kentuckian Gets Degree From WF Law School

J. P. Lewis Jr., member of Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, has received his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Wake Forest University School of Law and plans to join a law firm in Pittsburgh, Pa. Lewis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lewis Sr. of Elizabethtown.

'Who's Who in Religion' Selects Clinton Pastor

Thad Hamilton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, has been listed in the 1977 edition of *Who's Who in Religion*. Hamilton is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Second Baptist Church, Searcy, Ark., prior to coming to Clinton last year.

Frank Owen



"BIZARRITIS"

A lot of bizarre things have been coming about in the religious world during the 60's and 70's. It has seemed to be an age of determination to do whatever has not been done before. Break barriers. Create unusual incidents and events. Do the unique thing. Break precedences. Start new customs.

Young ministers conscientiously wanting to do the right thing, the true Christian thing; and needing to succeed in their work must decide how much of this trend to "get with." Older ones of us wonder how much of the new is right, how much to accept; to what extent are our prejudices making it difficult for us to change? To what extent are our inclinations based on rightness and wrongness? Are we simply resisting change because we are getting old?

Well, let us be sure to admit that neither antiquity nor modernity in themselves are basically right or wrong. The old can be right and it can be wrong—so can the new. We shouldn't cling to either, unduly, without other reasons. The quest is for truth—Ah, that is the goal! John said "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God" (I John 4:1).

Old paths afford much evidence of truth, but history sometimes puts truth in new molds. Some seem devoted to change, purely for its own sake—ever seeking some bizarre action, procedure, word, appearance; bold barrier breakers by nature. "Bizarritis" victims. Others seem unwilling to endure any change at all. Of one person 'twas said, "he never thinks anymore, he just rearranges his prejudices." Some of us can't, or won't, even do that.

Since high school days I have leaned heavily on a saying from Alexander Pope: "Be not the first by whom the new is tried, nor the last to lay the old aside." Let me add, never refuse truth because it seems new and never lay it aside, however old. Finally, hear Jesus "I am not come to destroy (the law) but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17).

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Exodus 33:9-16

When the children of Israel ceased to worship God and began to worship the golden calf, they dishonored God and displeased him greatly. In so doing these sinful, ungrateful and undeserving people created a breach between themselves and God.

Unwilling to overlook or ignore the wickedness of the Israelites, God instructed Moses to declare unto them that they had proved themselves to be a stiffnecked people. Longing for them to repent of their great sins and to get right with God, Moses placed the temporary "tabernacle of the congregation" outside the camp. While he was communing with God the cloudy pillar descended to the door of "the tabernacle of the congregation," whereupon the people "rose up and worshiped, every man in his tent door."

God spoke to Moses "as a man speaketh unto his friend." Moses was greatly concerned about his performance of the task which God had assigned to him. Aware of the enormity of it, as well as being conscious of his personal limitations, Moses was vitally interested in knowing whom God was going to send with him on that great mission, for which he considered himself inadequate. Moses was encouraged and strengthened when he received the information that he had found favor with God in response to his intercession on behalf of his people.

It is not surprising that, in response to Moses' great longing and earnest praying for the assurance of God's presence with him and his people, God spoke that comforting promise: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." That priceless "My" pledged the step-by-step and heart-to-heart fellowship of God, who was able and willing to supply all of the strength and guidance they would need.

Exodus 35:29

Moses informed the Israelites that God wanted his children to have a special building in which to worship him. All were invited to contribute their skills, materials, energies, and finances to be used in the construction of the tabernacle. Some refused to contribute anything toward the building of a sanctuary. Many responded by giving cheerfully for the construction and furnishing of the tabernacle, and for the clothing of the priests. They did so because of their great love for God. So generous was the giving of the Israelites who loved God that Moses was obliged to inform them the needs had been supplied and additional contributions were not desired.

The Law In Christian Perspective

When Christians face the question of their relationship to Old Testament law, since they are now under grace, they should ascertain what Christ's attitude toward it was, especially with reference to the 10 commandments, and then to cultivate the same attitude which he displayed.

Matthew 5:17-20

To avert any misunderstanding concerning his attitude toward the law, Christ spoke to his disciples and told them that he had not come to destroy the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them. Christ revealed the deepest meaning of the law by the life which he lived and through his sacrifice at Calvary he showed the end toward which the law pointed.

Christ considered the moral law as perpetually binding on all mankind. Christians are not under the law as a means to life, but to God's children, the law is still the expression of his will for them.

In verse 19, Christ denounced those religious leaders who were minimizing the importance of the 10 commandments. It is certainly a mark of wisdom to do and to teach the law of God. In the role of master teacher, Christ challenged Christians to a much higher ethical standard of living than that which was common among the unsaved.

Mark 12:28-34

A scribe boldly asked Christ the primary question, "Which is the first commandment of all?" In other words, "What is my first duty?" The scribes delighted in disputing which of the 613 commandments recognized by them was the greatest. Of these precepts 248 were positive commands and 365 were prohibitions. Naturally some were more important than others; therefore, the most important should have priority. Christ quoted Deut. 6:4-5. No matter how sincere, honest, industrious, or successful a person may be, if he does not love God supremely, he is disobedient to this command.

Our obligation to God is based upon the fact that he is our creator, preserver, and redeemer. In verses 29-30, "With all thy heart" means without divided affection. "With all thy soul" means with the entire personality—intellect, feeling, and will. "With all thy mind" means an intelligent love rather than a fanatical devotion. "With all thy strength" means with every energy which one possesses.

After summarizing the law which has to do with man's duty to God, Christ epitomized that part of the law which indicates man's duty to man by saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Assenting to what Christ taught, the scribe admitted that there could not be any higher commandment. Appreciatively, Christ told him that he was not far from the kingdom of God. But note that he was still outside the kingdom. To be almost saved is to be altogether lost.

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Baptist News in Brief



Ten Southern Baptist leaders attended a luncheon June 7 with President Jimmy Carter in the Roosevelt Room of the White House to hear his ideas for a massive expansion of the domestic and world mission program of the denomination. From foreground, clockwise are: Glendon McCullough, executive director, Brotherhood Commission; Annie Ward Byrd, retired editor, Sunday School Board; Grady C. Cothen, president, Sunday School Board; Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president, Woman's Missionary Union; William G. Tanner, executive secretary, Home Mission Board; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee; Fred Gregg, the President's Sunday school teacher; President Carter; Charles Trentham, the President's pastor; and Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., former SBC president.

BPRA Recognizes Eight For Exhibit Excellence

Eight Baptist organizations won awards from the Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) for exhibits during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The awards, judged by public relations and media representatives from the host city, were presented at a BPRA breakfast in Kansas City.

In Category A, which included displays costing up to \$500, Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the SBC Historical Commission took first and second place honors respectively.

The Baptist World Alliance won top honor in the \$500-\$1000 category with Mississippi College coming in second.

For exhibits of \$1000-\$2000 the SBC Foreign Mission Board took first place, with Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., second.

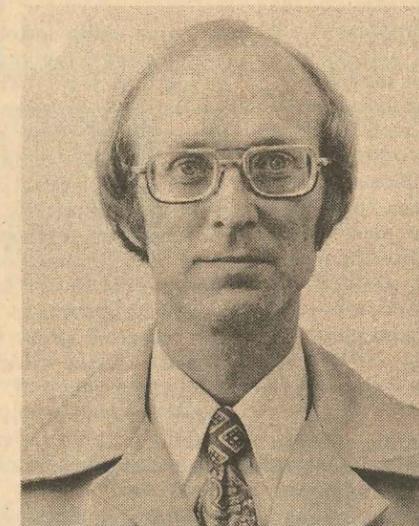
Awarded first place in the category for booths costing over \$2000 was the SBC Sunday School Board. The Radio and Television Commission took second for the category.

Allen Hospitalized

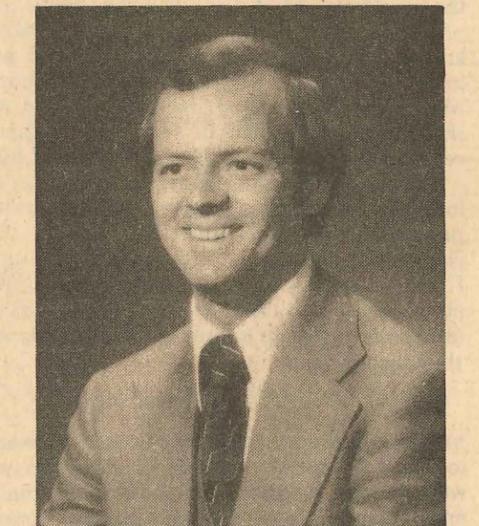
Kentucky Baptist Convention Business Manager Barry G. Allen is recuperating from surgery June 23 at Suburban Hospital, Louisville. A liver abscess was successfully opened and drained.



In its 89 years Woman's Missionary Union has not broken ground for its own building. Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory [right], president, recently broke ground for a five-floor addition to the present national office building in Birmingham, Ala. With her is Carolyn Weatherford, executive director.



James Lee Young, Baptist Press feature editor in Nashville, was elected editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, a weekly publication, and public relations director of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, Denver, effective July 1. The Altus, Okla., native succeeds Larry R. Jerden, who resigned May 15.



David R. Wilkinson, information specialist for the Baptist Sunday School Board for one year, has been elected staff writer for the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville. The Oklahoma native was press representative at Ridgecrest [N.C.] Baptist Conference Center in the summer of 1976.